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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. CHRISTINA GARCIA FRASCO
Secretary of the Department of Tourism

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Tourism and economic development definitely go hand in hand. Some economists reckon that the share of tourism to the country's gross domestic product could reach as high as eight percent this year due to the further reopening of the Philippine economy. Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority showed that in 2022, the share of Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) to the Philippine economy, as measured by the GDP, is estimated at 6.2 percent. The TDGVA amounted to PHP1.38 trillion last year, higher by 36.9 percent from PHP1.00 trillion in 2021. These are encouraging figures, and with more than one billion tourists traveling to an international destination every year, our tourism officials must seize this huge opportunity and make the Philippines a preferred tourist destination and vacation haven.



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Board of Directors and Executive Officers for
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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

9th Weekly Membership Meeting Rotary Year 2023-2024

Thursday, August 31, 2023, 12:25 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

MODERATOR: PD ARTHUR "ART" LOPEZ

PART I

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:25 PM	Call to Order	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III
	Invocation	PD BEDA FAJARDO
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	The Four (4) Way Test	STAR RTN. J. ALFONSO L. KATIGBAK
	RC Manila Rotary Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Acknowledgment of Guests	
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
12:35 PM	Short Review for the Board of Directors Election Runner for RY 2024-2025 on September 7, 2023	RTN. TOBIAS RAST Technical Head, Committee on Election

PART II

12:40 PM	PRESENTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY COMMITTEE	RTN. RAYMOND DAVIS Chairman, Persons with Disability Committee
	Address SR. MARTHA A. GAMOLO, DC Administrator, Hospicio de San Jose Provincial Counsellor for Health and Social Welfare and Development Ministries of the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louise de Marillac-Asia	



PROGRAM TIMETABLE

12:50 PM	RAFFLE OF HOTEL VOUCHERS	PD ARTHUR "ART" LOPEZ
12:55 PM	PRESIDENT'S TIME	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III
PART III 1:00 PM	INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER	PDG ROBERTO PAGDANGANAN
	Address HON. CHRISTINA GARCIA FRASCO Secretary of the Department of Tourism	
1:30 PM	OPEN FORUM	
	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Secretary Frasco	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III PP & DGE JOAQUIN C. RODRIGUEZ, SR. Programs Committee Chairman
	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Sister Martha	
2:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment	PRESIDENT RAFAEL M. ALUNAN III

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



HON. CHRISTINA GARCIA FRASCO Secretary of the Department of Tourism

Secretary Ma. Esperanza Christina Garcia Frasco leads the Department of Tourism, tasked with the Marcos administration's vision of transforming the Philippines into a tourism powerhouse in Asia. Prior to her appointment, she was elected to serve three terms as Mayor of Liloan in Cebu. Her transformational leadership focused on education, infrastructure, sustainability, livability, and innovation, resulting in Liloan being awarded Top Model Municipality in the Philippines, and receiving more than 40 good governance awards and citations from various award-giving bodies.

Secretary Frasco received the Presidential Lingkod Bayan Regional Award in 2021 and was ranked the Top Performing Mayor in Central Visayas. She was also the first woman President of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) Cebu and served as LMP National Vice President. Prior to being elected Mayor in 2016, Secretary Frasco was a practicing lawyer in international arbitration and commercial litigation, and a law professor in international law.

President Ferdinand R Marcos, Jr. handpicked Secretary Frasco to lead the DOT in 2022. Significant institutional reforms have since been introduced to the tourism industry through the three-pronged strategy of Connectivity, Convenience, and Equality, focused on reintroducing the Philippines to the world upon the strength of its natural assets, culture and heritage, and multi-dimensional tourism offerings. Towards this thrust, "Love The Philippines", the country's enhanced tourism branding has also been introduced to expand the country's value proposition to highlight the Philippines' many attributes.

Going beyond promotional efforts alone, Secretary Frasco has emphasized from the start the necessity of improving the essential pillars of tourism development in order to elevate the Philippines' position as a preferred destination in Asia. Under the Marcos Administration's National Tourism Development Plan 2023-2028, the DOT has seven objectives aimed at strengthening the tourism industry, namely: 1) the Improvement of Tourism Infrastructure and Accessibility, 2) Cohesive and Comprehensive Digitalization and Connectivity, 3) Enhancement of Overall Tourist Experience, 4) Equalization of Tourism Product and Development, 5) Diversification of Portfolio through Multidimensional Tourism, 6) Maximization of Domestic Tourism, and 7) Strengthening Tourism Governance through Close Collaboration with LGUs and Stakeholders.



GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

To enhance the overall tourist experience, Secretary's Frasco has initiated the Marcos Administration's construction of 10 tourist rest areas (TRAs) across the Philippines, with 15 more rising in tourist destinations nationwide. The TRAs have a comfortable lounge, information center, clean restrooms, a pasalubong or souvenir center, and other convenient services for tourists. Introducing innovation to the urban tourism offerings of Metro Manila, the Philippines now has its very first Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tours, providing tourists a convenient way to discover cities in Metro Manila. She also launched the Bisita, Be My Guest (BBMG) Program to incentivize Filipinos around the world to become tourism ambassadors for the country by inviting foreign visitors to travel to the Philippines, as well as the Philippine Experience: Heritage, Culture, and Arts Caravans, aimed at giving equal opportunities for tourism development and promotion to emerging and lesser known cities and municipalities, including Mindanao.

Aggressive efforts to improve policies on travel into the Philippines and other institutional improvements led the country to record 2.65 million arrivals in 2022, surpassing initial targets and generating over Php 1.87 Trillion in tourism revenues and employing over 5.35 Million Filipinos in tourism-related jobs. As of July 17, 2023, foreign visitor arrivals have breached the 3 million arrivals already surpassing the previous year. This translated to over PHP212 Billion in estimated tourism receipts from international visitors for the period of January to June 2023, a 502.02% increase from the same period last year.

Signaling the Asia Pacific's confidence in the Philippine tourism, the Philippines, represented by Secretary Frasco, was recently elected Vice President of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) General Assembly, and Chairman of the Commission on East Asia and the Pacific, as well as Host of the UNWTO Joint Commission Meetings for East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia in 2024.

Secretary Frasco continues the Marcos Administration's efforts towards Philippine tourism's transformation as Asia's tourism powerhouse and a major economic pillar and driver of the country's post-pandemic recovery.

8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

August 24, 2023



The moderator for the 8th Weekly Meeting, **Rotarian Emman dela Cruz**, greeted everyone in attendance, and invited **President Raffy Alunan** to call the meeting to order.



CALL TO ORDER

The 8th Weekly Meeting session was called to order by **Pres. Raffy Alunan**, signaling the official start of the program.

INVOCATION

Rotarian Caloy Serapio led the invocation and offered a special prayer for peace, humility, understanding, and service above self. He also expressed gratitude to Mr. Rommel Cañete, the week's guest speaker. The prayer was accompanied by the hymn "Come Holy Spirit" which was solemnly played in the background.



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members and guests took the position of respect as they sang the **Philippine National Anthem**.



FOUR WAY TEST

The Four-Way test was led by **Rotarian Juan Manuel Montel**, which was meaningfully echoed by all Rotarians present.



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

RC MANILA ROTARY HYMN



The **RCM World Famous Music Chorale** sang *acapella* the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS



Moderator **Rotarian Emman Dela Cruz** acknowledged the guests present and members seated at the presidential table: (from left) **Rotarian Marius Angara**, **Guest of Honor and Speaker Mr. Romel C. Cañete**, **President Raffy Alunan**, **Rotarian Carlos Serapio** and **Rotarian Manual Montel**.

8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP



The **RCM WF Music Chorale** sang the Rotary Club of Manila Welcome Song *acapella* to acknowledge esteemed visiting Rotarians and guests present.

RC MANILA BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS OF THE WEEK



An announcement of the week's birthday celebrants paved the way for another round of wishes and greetings. **Rotarian Juan Manuel Montel** was present to bask at the joyous felicitations from everyone. The **WF Music Choral** of course sang the signature birthday song for him and the other celebrants.

8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

FINING SESSION



For the week's fun fining session, RCM set its sights on Spanish RCMers in light of Spain winning the FIFA World Cup 2023.

Accordingly, the following were fined P1,000 each: **Rotarians Juan Manuel Montel, Pablo Arguelles, Program Chairman DGE Jackie Rodriguez, and STAR Rotarian Daniel Calzado Obrando.**

Felicidades a nuestros miembros Españoles! Viva!

PRESIDENTS TIME

President Raffy Alunan took the floor and made several important announcements and reminders. Firstly, he reminded everyone about the upcoming election on September 7, as well as the need for Rotarians to settle their annual membership dues in order to participate in the voting. The President also emphasized that the submission of Project Proposal Forms is a mandatory requirement for Committee project proposals. Moreover, a Project Completion Form must be submitted once a project is accomplished. Additionally, he encouraged members who have not yet joined the Club's Paul Harris Membership to do so.



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

PRESENTATION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER



Mr. Romel Cañete gave an interesting talk. He recounted the challenges and experiences he faced on his journey to success with the Hudson Yard project. He reflected on his milestones, starting from 1979 when he began his career in public service and politics, to the year 2004 when he embarked on the Hudson Yard development venture in New York.

OPEN FORUM

During the open forum, **Guest Speaker Romel Cañete** welcomed and answered questions from **PP Chito Zaldarriaga**, **Rotarian Butch Alcantara**, **BLA Raoul Creencia**, **PP Archib Bartolome**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **Treas. PJ Garcia**, and Daily Tribune writer, **Mr. Raffy Ayeng**.



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

AWARDING CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO GUEST SPEAKER ROMEL CANETE

President Raffy Alunan together with **DGE Jackie Rodriguez Sr.** gave the Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker **Mr. Romel Cañete**. They were joined by **Rotarians Marius Angara, Carlos Serapio, and Juan Montel**, together with the warm applause of all the Rotarians and guests.



ADJOURNMENT

President Raffy Alunan rang the bell to signify adjournment of the 8th Weekly Meeting.



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

INDUCTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Teodoro Alejandro Kalaw IV took his oath as **Assistant Board Legal Secretary** (for the Rotary Year 2023-2024), which was administered by **President Raffy Alunan**.



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

PRE-MEETING FELLOWSHIP



8th WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP



RCM ELECTIONS:

A TIME FOR DISCERNMENT FOR NOMINATORS, NOMINEES, AND VOTERS

During last week's membership meeting in the fully packed Turf Room of the Manila Polo Club, Manila Rotarians nominated the candidates from where the 8 members of next year's Board of Directors will be chosen. Pursuant to our By-Laws, the elections that will be held on September 7.

The nominators have surely carefully considered and underwent a process of discernment before naming their nominees, because, as everyone knows, choosing the men who will compose the governing body of the club is a serious matter.

More importantly, the nominees should likewise go through a careful process of consideration and discernment themselves. Indeed, while being nominated is an honor, the acceptance of such nomination in itself carries a huge responsibility. A nomination cannot be taken lightly, and each nominee has to think whether he can actually commit to make time to dutifully serve the Club. Saying 'yes' to a nomination should, therefore, include an acceptance of the real possibility of being actually elected. This is the reason why each nominee, as an act of accepting his nomination, is required to make a written commitment, as follows:

I am aware that if elected, I will have to assume the following commitments and responsibilities:

- *To oversee and constantly follow up the planning and implementation of all activities by a set of committees under a service group to be placed under my supervision;*
- *To report on all my committees during the Board Meetings held at a regular date each month;*
- *To have a working knowledge of the RCM Constitution and By-Laws, the RI Manual of Procedure and general Rotary information;*
- *To attend most, if not all, Board, Club and my committee meetings;*

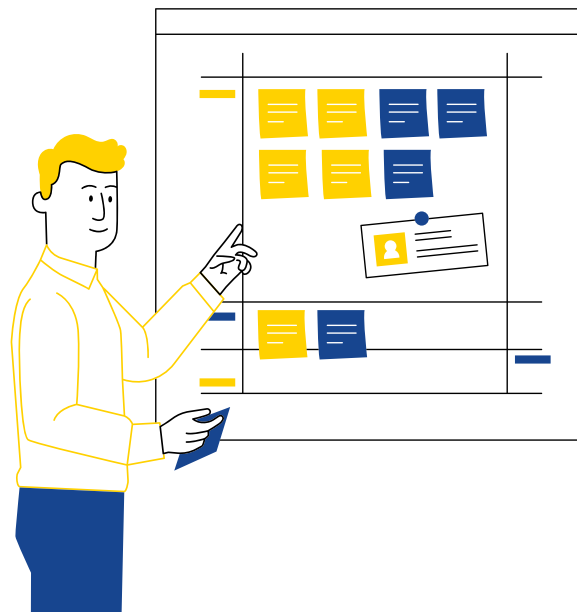
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- *To attend the District Conference, the District Assembly and, if elected President, the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), which will be scheduled within the first semester of 2024;*
- *To attend the DIRECTORS' ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR, to be organized by the President-Elect, as a prerequisite prior to sitting in office as Director of the Board; and,*
- *To be prepared to give the time and effort necessary to carry on my other tasks as a Board member.*

The foregoing are not empty words. This written commitment is actually a prelude to the oath that each duly elected director will take in July next year.

As this election is of utmost importance, it behooves all Manila Rotarians to do their part by carefully considering the nominees' qualifications and track record, and by judiciously voting on September 7 with the welfare of the Club in mind.



ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RY 2024-2025



ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA – RCM ELECTION COMMITTEE 2023-2024

ADVISORY AND ANNOUNCEMENT 2



August 22, 2023

Dear fellow Rotarians,

i We are pleased to present the following 15 names of members who accepted their nomination, to be considered as Director of the Board for Rotary Year 2024-2025.

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RY 2024-2025




 1 ALBAÑA, MICHAEL "Mike" JA EY C., DIRECTOR Club Administration	 2 ALDAY, ALBERT S. DIRECTOR Interclub and Youth Concerns	 3 ARAGON, JOSHUA "Josh", CHAIRMAN, EMERGENCY DISASTER & RELIEF COMMITTEE	 4 CHAHWAN, RAMI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY; CHAIRMAN, FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS ; VICE CHAIRMAN, SPORTS COMMITTEE,
 			
 5 CREENCIA, RAOUL C, BOARD LEGAL ADVISER; CHAIRMAN, BALITA COMMITTEE; WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH) COMMITTEE	 6 EDUARDO "Jujut" V. ENEIQUEZ III Director, Membership Concerns	 7 GO, HENRY SY PAST ASST. SEC., CHAIRMAN, ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE	 8. EDWIN H. HERNANDEZ Club Secretary
 			
 9 KALAW, TEODORO ALEJANDRO Y. IV ASSISTANT BOARD LEGAL ADVISER ; CHAIRMAN- PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE	 10 MACATOMAN, Gani, Rotarian	 11 PALACIOS, ALBERT "Hans" C., DIRECTOR – SPECIAL PROJECT	 12 TALUSAN, FERDINAND "Inov" CHAIRMAN, DIGITIZATION COMMITTEE
 			
 13 VALDES, JOEL V. PAST ASST. SECRETARY; CHAIRMAN, GG CLEFT & PALATE PROJECT	 14. VALENCIA, RODOLFO G. Past Director	 15 ZEITOUNI, NAGI, SERGEANT AT ARMS CHAIRMAN, SPORTS COMMITTEE & MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD COMMITTEE	

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RY 2024-2025

II ORIENTATION: THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023
1PM: A REVIEW OF THE ELECTION RUNNER APPLICATION BY RTN TOBY RAST

III ELECTION SCHEDULE

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
VENUE: ZOOM, (open video to be registered)

IV ELECTION REGISTRATION

It is imperative that you attend the scheduled Zoom meeting in order to be registered. All members who are in good standing and attend the Zoom meeting shall be registered by the RCM office. Kindly ensure to open your video in Zoom to be identified and counted in quorum during the meeting and to receive the link to your e-ballot. An electronic mail containing the link to the election will be dispatched to your email address registered with RCM. This email shall be sent forthwith upon the opening of the election.

V EMAIL ADDRESS:

For multiple email users, please send to the RCM Secretariat thru rotaryclubofmanila@gmail.com the preferred email for use during Election Day. Otherwise, the email address used for the weekly meeting advisories will be the default in use. Please be sure to have good internet access.

ELECTION E-MAIL

- You will receive an E-Mail from noreply@electionrunner.com
- Please click the link

ELECTION

- Please choose a minimum 5 and maximum of 8 candidates
- Please click "Submit Ballot" when you are done
- The vote can't be changed after submitting it

Rotary Club of Manila

Rotary Club of Manila has invited you to vote in the election: **Test AGM**
Voting is open from 09/21/20 4:00 pm to 09/21/20 5:00 pm

Login Information:
Voter ID: NCYYM6KV
Voter Key: B7DRPXG9

[Click Here to Vote](#)

(Clicking the above link will automatically log you in to vote)

VII QUALIFICATION TO VOTE AND BE VOTED

- For A Member To Vote: He Must Have Paid One Semester of his Dues for RCM year 2023 and proof of payment submitted not later than 1 PM on 31 AUGUST 2023. If we don't receive proof of payment by 1 PM on August 31, 2023, the concerned member will not receive the e-ballot link.
- For A Nominated Member To Be A Qualified Candidate, He Must Have Fully Paid His Annual Dues for 2023 not later than 31 AUGUST 2023. Please send proof of payment no later than 1 PM on 31 AUGUST 2023 to be a qualified candidate.

**RESULT
12:30 PM**

- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RY 2024-2025**

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

AUGUST 2023	<u>AUG. 3, 2023</u> DR. BERNARDO M. VILLEGAS, PHD	<u>AUG. 10, 2023</u> STAR RTN. DR DAVID KLEBS/ RTN. HERBERT JOEY GARCIA	<u>AUG. 17, 2023</u> SECRETARY JAIME BAUTISTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	<u>AUG. 24, 2023</u> MR. ROMEL CAÑETE
All Members Present	70	53	61	51
Make Up	8	2	5	7
Less: Exempt from Attendance	7	2	3	4
On Leave	0	0	0	0
Total Active Members	71	53	63	54
Total # of Members	238	241	242	242
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	30%	22%	26%	22%
ROTARACTORS	15	1		5
MEDIA	0	0	10	2
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	7	0		
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	27	0		
GOHS / GS	1	0	4	1
Visiting Rotarians	83	0	37	7
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	66	0	14	7
Total Attendees	269	54	126	73

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2023-2024

(As of August 30, 2023, 4:00 PM)

FULLY PAID

1	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
2	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
3	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
4	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
5	Alday, Albert S.
6	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
7	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
8	Aragon, Joshua
9	Arguelles, Pablo
10	Balanay, Aries
11	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
12	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
13	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
14	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
15	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
16	Bogovich, Jason M.
17	Cabangon, Edgard
18	Camat, Nathaniel
19	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
20	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
21	Canon, Raul
22	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
23	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
24	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
25	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
26	Chahwan, Rami
27	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
28	Creencia, Raoul
29	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
30	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
31	De Castro, Johnny
32	Del Rosario, Oscar
33	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
34	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
35	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.

36	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
37	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
38	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
39	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
40	Fajardo, Beda G.
41	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
42	Flameno, Franco Martell S.
43	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
44	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
45	Garcia, Theodore
46	Garcia, Victor
47	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
48	Go, Henry Sy
49	Goco, Raoul
50	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
51	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
52	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
53	Hallerbach, Mathias
54	Hernandez, Edwin
55	Hortaleza, Rolando
56	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
57	Jucaban, Jeric J.
58	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
59	Katigbak, Alfonso Leonor
60	Klebs, David
61	Koh, Paul Anthony
62	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
63	Laya, Jaime "Jimmy" C.
64	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
65	Lazaro, Juan Miguel "Miguel"
66	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
67	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
68	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
69	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.
70	Locsin, Roberto R.

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List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2023-2024

(As of August 30, 2023, 4:00 PM)

71	Lonzaga, Reinerio "Ner" C.
72	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
73	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
74	Magbanua, Gerry
75	Macapagal, Michael "Mac"
76	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
77	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
78	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
79	Mangalile, Senen
80	Martinez, Ronald
81	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
82	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
83	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
84	Mendoza, Miguel
85	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian "Raji" O.
86	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
87	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
88	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
89	Obrado, Daniel C.
90	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
91	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
92	Palacios, Albert "Hans" C.
93	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
94	Pascual, Abraham "Abe" F.
95	Patterson, Colin David
96	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
97	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
98	Pineda, Jr., Jesus "Susing" M.
99	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
100	Quisumbing, Ramon "Mon" J.
101	Ramos, Claver P.
102	Rast, Tobias "Tobi"
103	Recto, Philip H.

104	Reynolds, David John "Dave"
105	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jack" H.
106	Rodriguez, Joaquin "Jackie" C.
107	Romualdez, Jose Manuel "Babe" G.
108	Rono, Marlon
109	Roxas, Michael
110	Schneider, Bernd
111	Shimoda, Shigeru
112	Sibayan, Joselito "Lito" H.
113	So, Warren
114	Soler, Jose Antonio Andaya
115	Souvlakis, Nicolas
116	Stranathan, Ike
117	Syjuco, Jose, Jr. "Joey" A.
118	Tagaysay, Hector "Chito"
119	Talampas, Jose Angel "Joel"
120	Talusan, Ferdinand "Inov"
121	Tamayo, Victor "Butch" L.
122	Tan, Eusebio "Ebot" V.
123	Tan, John
124	Tee, Jr., Teddy B.
125	Tejuma, Michael "Mike"
126	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael "Hansel"
127	Valdes, Joel C.
128	Valdez, Amado "Amading" D.
129	Valencia, Rodolfo "Rod" G.
130	Vasquez, Evaristo "Junjie"
131	Villarica, Henry R.
132	Yap, Enrique, Jr. "Rickie" Y.
133	Yu, Reginald "Reggie" T.
134	Zeitouni, Nagi
135	Zialcita, Xavier "Xavy" Y.

PARTIALLY PAID

1	Serapio, Carlos G. "Caloy"
2	Dayang, Juan, Jr. "Jed" E.
3	Andal, Avelino "Billy"
4	Dela Cruz, Emmanuel

CLUB MEETING

Circle of 12 RCM Fellowship Consultation Meeting



The consultation meeting for the proposed **Big Brother, Small Brother Circle of 12 RCM Fellowship** was held on Thursday, August 24th.

Present with STAR Rtn. Al Katigbak to give encouragement were Pres. Raffy Alunan, PDG Rudy Bediones, PP Chito Zaldarriaga, PP Boy Guevara, Rtn. Nando Camus, Rtn. Gani Macatoman, Membership Committee Chair Caloy Serapio, Treas. PJ Garcia, Rtn. Ramby Nolido, and Emergency & Disaster Relief Chair/Rtn. Joshua Aragon.

PUBLIC IMAGE

Daily Tribune
Without Fear · Without Favor

New York RE bigwig to invest in Marcos Jr.'s 4PH program

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'I am a developer so I will invest. That's my way of helping the government in achieving the goal and making things happen'



Filipino New York-based real estate guru Romel Cañete delivers his speech during the Rotary Club of Manila membership meeting last Thursday, 24 August at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City. | Photograph by Joey Sanchez Mendoza for The Daily Tribune



By [Raffy Ayeng](#)
19 hours ago

A New York-based Filipino real estate consultant and developer with major involvement behind the success of Hudson Yards, the ambitious real estate project on Midtown Manhattan's West Side, is investing in President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino Housing or 4PH Program that aims to establish livable communities by providing decent housing for the Filipino people.

"I am a developer so I will invest. That's my way of helping the government in achieving the goal and making it happen," said Romel Cañete, the Cebu-born vice chairman for Financial Services of Park Avenue, New York-based Newmark, a world leader in commercial real estate services, during the Rotary Club of Manila meeting at the Manila Polo Club last Thursday.

Cañete said even if the government, through the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Secretary Rizalino Acuzar, is earmarking to generate a P36-billion fund via interest subsidy in order to produce a million houses per year in six years, the government will still need the participation of the private sector.

PUBLIC IMAGE

Government needs private sector

“What the government should do is to make the private sector come in. Our view is to bring in private sector money to make it quick. The margins are too tight, and we need to scale. Also, the government needs to make sure that the mayors understand that they cannot do it by themselves and they need their (the private sector's) help. If they stand in the way, I don't think they can get it off the ground,” he said.

Earlier, Secretary Acuzar said DHSUD is seeking P36 billion in interest support annually for one million housing units, as under 4PH, his office is tasked to produce six million units until 2028.

Acuzar said what's bogging down the 4PH program currently is the Procurement Law and right-of-way issues as well as the sluggish bidding process. Those, along with the difficulty for the agency in looking for idle lands to build the housing units.

Reacting to this, Cañete said the government should be dealing diligently with the project's roadblocks, including the road access because there are privately owned properties that are already in place.

Cañete revealed that Newmark will not be involved in the 4PH, as it is involved with a separate undertaking, one which has to do with modular housing.

4PH ambitious but...

Cañete sees the 4PH as ambitious, but stressed it is attainable through the active cooperation of real estate stakeholders, particularly the private sector.

“You start with an ambitious project and create a lofty goal, and that is what the government is doing. Yes, some people do not like lofty goals because they are setting themselves up for failure. But I still believe, though, that if you try to reach the stars, you may end up on the moon. So, to reach the moon, you may end up in the sky, so you must set a lofty goal and be ready to fail as well. Because otherwise, if you do not try, you are going away,” he said.

Last month, Acuzar assured that the DHSUD will be able to deliver more than 100,000 houses based on the estimated completion of some of the ongoing 50 4PH projects nationwide.

He said 20 of these 4PH projects are now undergoing construction, while the rest are either scheduled for bidding or processing.

Who is Cañete?

A graduate of the University of the Philippines-Cebu and once engaged in local politics in the Philippines until he left for the US for MBA studies at the University of Pennsylvania's The Wharton School, Cañete was part of the conceptualization of Hudson Yards, a series of skyscrapers housing upscale apartments, retail shops, restaurants, and offices, which was once touted as leading the “construction boom” in NYC.

Hudson Yards is a neighborhood on the West Side of Midtown Manhattan in New York City, the site of a large-scale redevelopment program that was planned, funded, and constructed under a set of agreements among the State of New York, City of New York, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, with the aim of expanding the Midtown Manhattan business district westward to the Hudson River.

Among the prized tenants of Hudson Yards are Black Rock and Time Warner.

Other tenants include KKR, big accounting financial services, such as Ernst & Young and Accenture, L'Oreal, and the law firm Skadden Arps, among others.

Being a consultant at Newmark Knight Frank (now just Newmark) he had dealings with diverse and known clients, including Morgan Stanley, Nokia Siemens Network, PwC, Ernst and Young, and the United Nations, assisting these establishments with relocations and expansions, and other lease-related negotiations.

In 2012, he was awarded the prestigious NY real estate industry's “Most Ingenious Deal of the Year” award.

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Rotary Zone 10A Regional Rotary Foundation Awards for RY 2022-2023



IPP Hermie Esguerra and IPDG Joyce Ambray attended the Rotary Zone 10A Regional Rotary Foundation Awards for RY 2022-2023 last August 28, 2023 at the OKADA Manila in Parañaque City. They received the following Plaques of Recognition:

1. Plaque of Recognition as Arch Klumph Society Chair Circle
2. Plaque of Recognition as Arch Klumph Society Trustees Circle
3. Plaque of Recognition as Top Individual Contributors to Endowment Fund Second Runner Up - US \$60,000.00
4. Plaque of Recognition for Top Contributors to Polio Third Place - US \$47,695.45

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IPP Hermie Esguerra and IPDG Joyce Ambray with Rotary International Director Ghim Bok Chew from Singapore who was the Guest of Honor and Speaker at the Rotary Zone 10A Regional Rotary Foundation Awards last August 28, 2023 at the OKADA Manila in Parañaque City.

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Rtn. Joey Garcia Recognized at the Second Global Iconic Aces Awards



Rtn. Joey Garcia was recognized at the second Global Iconic Aces Awards for his achievement as Global Iconic Business Leader with Inspiring Leadership and Entrepreneurial Vision. The awarding ceremony was held on August 28, 2023 at Okada Manila.

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Welcome the Stars Fellowship



Welcome the Stars Fellowship was held last Thursday, August 24th, 6PM at the O2 Rooftop Bar, Penthouse, D2 Residence Bonifacio Civic Center Tower, 6 McKinley Parkway, Taguig City. The fellowship was attended by Rtn. Teddy Tee, AS Rami Chahwan, BLA Raoul Creencia, Rtn. Nico Valencia, Dir. Hans Palacios, STAR Rtn. David Klebs, Dir Jujut Enriquez, PD Rod Valencia, Rtn. Gani Macatoman, STAR Rtn. Jerry Zheng, Rtn. Caloy Serapio, VP Reggie Yu, Treas. PJ Garcia, Rtn. Micray Gonzalez, guest of Jeff Lord, VP Reggie Yu, STAR Rtn. Mico Mendoza, Dir Albert Alday, and Asst. Treas. Karlo Castro.

FELLOWSHIP

Welcome the Stars Fellowship



Also present were (from left) Rtn. Teddy Tee, IA Nick Locsin, PD John Cutter, PP Archit Bartolome, and PD Abe Pascual.



At Barcino SM Aura while waiting for the opening of O2 Bar

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Welcome the Stars Fellowship



Standing (from left): Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Jujut Enriquez, AS Rami Chahwan, IA Nick Locsin, guest, Emergency & Disaster Relief Chair Joshua Aragon, STAR Rtn. Nate Camat, RCMFI AS Micray Gonzalez, Rtn. Jop Esquivias, Rtn. Ben Ibuyan, AT Karlo Castro, Rtn Nico Hallare, STAR Rtn. Mico Mendoza, and Rtn. Aldous Alingog
Seated (from left): Rtn. Teddy Tee and DGE Jackie Rodriguez

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